

**REMARKS**

Claims 1, 2, 5-12 and 15-24 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 3 and 13 are cancelled.

Applicant appreciates the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 1-3, 5-13 and 15-24.

Claims 1-3, 5-13 and 15-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, for using the word "last." However, claims 1, 11 and 21 do not recite the word "last." Claim 1, for example, recites the phrase "referred to first for scanning." This phrase clarifies that the first predetermined pattern (and not the second predetermined pattern) is the first pattern that is scanned. It is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

The objection to claims 3 and 13 under 37 C.F.R. §1.75(c) has been rendered moot.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment:  
Petition for Extension of Time

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